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NOTIFICATION

The 14th November, 2024

No. HORT/E-319/2022.— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following rules to amend the Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service (APHS) Rules, 2005, namely:

1. Short title and commencement:

- (i) These rules may be called the “Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Services (APHS) (Amendment) Rules, 2024”.
- (ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Arunachal Pradesh Gazette.

Amendment : In the Principal Rules notified vide No. HORT/E-373/2000 dated 22/12/2005 :

- (I) In Rule - 3 of the Principal Rules for the existing entries, the following entries shall be substituted: “3. **Composition of service:** -

Grade	Classification
1. Administrative Grade (Director) Level-13 ₹ 1,23,100 - 2,15,900 P.m.	Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service, Group-‘A’ Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)
2. Selection Grade (Joint Director Horticulture) Level-12 ₹ 78,800-2,09,200 P.m	Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service, Group-‘A’ Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)
3. Senior Grade (Deputy Director Horticulture /District Horticulture Officer and equivalent) Level-11 ₹ 67,700-2,08,700 P.m	Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service, Group-‘A’ Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)
4. APHS Entry Grade (Horticulture Development Officer and equivalent) Level-10 ₹ 56,100- 1,77,500 P.m.	Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service, Group-‘A’ Gazetted (Non-Ministerial)

The posts in the Administrative Grade, Selection Grade, Senior Grade and the APHS Entry Grade shall be Group–‘A’ Gazetted posts” shall be substituted.

- (II) Rule - 6 of the Principal Rule **shall be omitted**.
- (III) The existing entries of Rule 7, 8, 9,10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 shall be re-numbered and re-arranged as Rule 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.
- (IV) In Rule -10 of the Principal Rules for the existing entries, the following entries shall be substituted:

“Rule 10. **Recruitment to Administrative Grade, Selection Grade and Senior Grade:**

1. **Administrative Grade:** The regular officers of Selection Grade of Horticulture Service Cadre (Joint Director) who have rendered not less than 5(five) years of regular service in the Grade failing which by promotion from the post of Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service Senior Grade (DDH / DHO) who have rendered combined service of 10 years of regular service or minimum 15 years of regular service calculated from the date of entry in APHS Entry Grade and are included in the select list for Administrative Grade prepared under sub-rule-4.
2. **Selection Grade:** The regular officers of Senior Grade (Deputy Director/DHO) who have rendered not less than 5(five) years of regular service in the Grade or not less than 10(ten) years of regular service counted from the date of entry in the APHS Entry Grade with a minimum residency period of 3(three) years as District Horticulture Officer/ Deputy Director or equivalent posts and are included in the select list for Selection Grade prepared under sub-rule-4.
3. **Senior Grade:** The regular officers of the APHS Entry Grade who have rendered not less than 5(five) years of regular service in the Grade and are included in the select list for Senior Grade prepared under sub-rule (4).
4. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1), (2), & (3), any person eligible to be considered for promotion on the basis of selection by merit to the Administrative Grade under sub-rule (1), to Selection Grade under sub-rule (2) or to Senior Grade under sub-rule (3) may be appointed to officiate in a temporary vacancy in the Administrative Grade, Selection Grade or Senior Grade as the case may be, if officer is included in the select list prepared for the DPC for the relevant Grade.

Provided further that where an officer of the APHS Entry Grade Officer is rejected as unfit, the reasons for such rejection shall be recorded in writing and communicated to the officer concerned.

- (V) Rule 11(1). **APHS Entry Grade:** Recruitment to the Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service (APHS) Entry Grade: (1) 80%(eighty percent) of the regular vacancies in the Arunachal Pradesh Horticulture Service Entry Grade (Horticulture Development Officer) shall be filled by direct recruitment from the candidate possessing B.Sc. (Horticulture) degree from recognized University and on the basis of the result of a competitive examination held by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) as per schedule-II for this purpose from time to time”.

- (VI) In Rule-12 of the Principal Rules for the existing entries, the following shall be substituted :

- “12 (1) Every direct recruit to the APHS Entry Grade shall initially be appointed on probation, the period of probation being 2(two) years from the date of appointment.
- (2) Every person other than a direct recruitment shall, when first appointed to APHS Entry Grade, be on ‘trial’ for a period of 2(two) years from the date of such appointment.
- (3) The period of probation or trial specified in sub-rules(1) and(2) may, if the appointing authority deems fit, be extended or curtailed in any case, but the total period of extension of probation or trial shall not, save where it is necessary by reason of any departmental or legal proceeding pending against the officer, exceed 1 (one) year.
- (4) During probation or trial, member of the service may be required to undergo such training and to pass such tests as the State Government may, from time to time, prescribe.

- (VII) Rule 16 (ii) shall be omitted.

- (VIII) In Rule - 17 of the Principal Rules for the existing entries, the following shall be substituted : -

“The scales of Pay/Level in the Pay Matrix attached to the various Grades of the services shall be as follows, namely :

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pay in Pay Matrix
1.	Administrative Grade	Level-13 ₹ 1,23,100 – 2,15,900 P.m.
2.	Selection Grade	Level- 12 ₹ 78,800 – 2,09,200 P.m.
3	Senior Grade	Level-11 ₹ 67,700 – 2,08,700 P.m.
4	APHS Entry Grade	Level-10 ₹ 56,100 – 1,77,500 P.m.

- (IX) In **Schedule – I** of the Principal Rules, for the existing entries, the following entries shall be substituted :

Sl. No.	Name of Post		No. of post	Pay in Pay Matrix
1	APHS (Administrative Grade) Director		1	Level-13 ₹ 1,23,100-2,15,900 P.m.
2	APHS (Selection Grade) Joint Director Horticulture		3	Level-12 ₹ 78,800 - 2,09,200 P.m.
3	APHS (Senior Grade)		26	Level-11 ₹ 67,700 - 2,08,700 P.m.
	(i)	Deputy Director Horticulture	5	
	(ii)	Horticulturist	2	
	(iii)	District Horticulturist	1	
	(iv)	District Horticulture Officer	17	
	(v)	Mushroom Development Officer	1	
4	APHS Entry Grade		99	Level-10 ₹ 56,100-1,77,500 P.m.
	(i)	Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer (Vegetable)	1	
	(ii)	Sub-Divisional Horticulture Officer	8	
	(iii)	Plant Protection Officer	1	
	(iv)	Spices Development Officer	1	
	(v)	Entomologist	1	
	(vi)	Junior Mycologist	1	
	(vii)	Horticulture Development Officer	86	
Total Group 'A' posts:			129	

(X) Schedule-II : Pattern of Recruitment

In Rule 11(1) of the Principal Rules, the following entries shall be substituted :

- A. Prelim Examination : The Arunachal Pradesh Public Service commission (APPSC) may conduct Recruitment Test/ Preliminary Examination before the Written Examination (Mains) where the applicants are large in numbers and where the Commission is satisfied that it is necessary to do so as follows:

1.General Studies

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100 Marks

2.Horticulture Science

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100 Marks
- B. Main Examination:

1. General Studies

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100 Marks

2. General English

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100 Marks

3. Horticulture Science (Paper-I)

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100 Marks

4. Horticulture Science (Paper-II)

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100 Marks

5. Viva-Voce

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50 Marks

Note :

The Principal Rules were published in the Gazette of Arunachal Pradesh vide Department of Horticulture Notification No. HORT/E-373/2000 dated 22/12/2005.

Koj Rinya, IFS
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